

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Forty-Third Day.

THURSDAY, July 19.

The House opened at 10 o'clock, the President, Hon. W. R. Castle, in the chair. Ministers Green, Austin, Thurston, Robinson, Wilder, Dowsett, Jaeger, Campbell, Widemann, Makee, Kalaauka, Kaui. Minutes read and confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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ding an amendment. The report was adopted and the bill referred to the enrollment committee.

ANSWERS BY MINISTERS.

Minister Austin read the following: In reply to questions by the Hon. G. P. Kamao, member for South Kona, as follows:

1. "Did the Cabinet meet with His Majesty the King for the consideration of the Military Bill before it was brought before the House, or not?"

His Majesty the King for His signature, did the Cabinet meet with him for consideration as to whether it was perfect and constitutional, or not."

1. I have the honor to state that upon the return of His Majesty from Kona, before the opening of the Legislature, I went, by direction of the Cabinet, to His Majesty and requested him to call a Cabinet Council in order that we might lay before him the Departmental Reports, and the Bills which we had prepared for presentation to the House. The Military Bill, as presented by the Ministry, being one of them. His Majesty informed me that a Council was not necessary. That he did not wish to go through those papers, as he was principally interested in only two matters, the address from the Throne at the opening of the Legislature and that portion of the Appropriation Bill relating to the Civil List, and he requested me to ask the Premier to have copies of those matters made out and sent to him. They were so made and sent.

2. When the Military Bill was taken to His Majesty for his signature, I stated to him that I was directed to inform him that the Cabinet unanimously advised him to sign it, and said that the Ministers were at his service for any consultation desired by him. I further said on my own behalf that I was very desirous that he should sign all bills passed by the Legislature; that I felt that it was for the good of the country and for the personal benefit of His Majesty that he should not act in any manner contrary to the expressed wishes of the Legislature, who, I felt sure, represented the feelings of the best citizens of the Kingdom, and that such wishes were directly shown in their renewed expression after a veto.

RESOLUTION.

Rep. Kalaauka moved that as a gate on a certain right of way at Waikiki had been closed, the Minister of Interior direct the same to be opened. Ruled out of order.

NOTICE OF NEW BILL.

Rep. C. Brown gave notice of a bill to repeal Chapter XXXV. of the Session Laws of 1880.

NEW BILL.

Noble Richardson read a first time, a bill to amend section 1 Chapter XXVI. of the Session Laws of 1870, relating to divorce. The bill provides that desertion for one year shall be a ground on which divorce may be granted.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House went into Committee of the whole. Noble Townsend in the chair, to continue consideration of the Appropriation bill.

Item inserted, 18th inst., for bridges at Waipae, was on reconsideration thrown out. Noble Richardson moved to insert: bridges at Kalahele and Honokohau, \$2,500, which, after discussion, he withdrew. He then moved to insert: road Olinda to the summit of Haleakala, \$5,000. Lost.

Road tax unexpended, to be expended in the districts where collected, \$2,832.14. Items of unexpended road tax are, Hilo \$117.77, Puna \$146, Kailua \$575.28, North \$3,046, Kona \$13,321.32, Hamakua \$1,933.42, Lahaina \$40.67, Wailuku \$15,985, Makawao \$4,533.61, Hana \$470.49, Molokai \$975.88, Lanai \$132, Ewa and Wainane \$33.44, Wailua \$10.35, Koolauloa \$12.99, Koolau \$140.61, Lihue \$4,672.15, Kona \$258.89, Wainana \$438.10, Niihau \$324.37.

Road damages, burnt district \$4,800. Merchant street \$20,000, Alakea street \$25,000. Total \$38,000, passed.

Additions to electric light system, Honolulu \$43,000.

Minister Thurston said that he advocated this item because he believed that it was one of those things which the Government should control. There are those who are opposed to the Government's doing this and think that it should be left to private enterprise. Those who think so are about fifty years behind the age. I do not know whether the editor of the Bulletin expected to take stock in an electric light company or not, but his corporeity seems to him at the idea that the people are going to supply themselves with electric light instead of paying somebody else a profit to do it for them. The Government is the people, and I am enough of a socialist to firmly believe that, as a principle, independent of the particular merits of this question, the people should control the supply of all such articles of universal use, as the mail service, water, and gas or electric lighting, especially where the use of the public streets is needed, as in this case, for the use of wires. It is not necessary to go to Europe for examples, where Germany owns the railways and England the telegraphs, but the constant and growing tendency of late years has been for the municipal governments in the United States to take into their own hands the construction of water and gas works, and always the result has been more satisfactory and cheaper service. There is a growing feeling that the Government should control the telegraph system, as England already does, and I believe that the United States Government, when works of this nature are undertaken by private parties, their sole object is to make a profit, and it is a laudable object; but instead of that profit going to one or two or half a dozen people, why should it not go to the whole community? In this instance there will be a profit of between 30 and 40 per cent on the capital invested. If this is given to private individuals the general public will gain nothing thereby; while if the work is done by the Government the results will pay the entire cost of lighting the streets, and instead of being an expense to the Government of \$10,000 a year, there will be a small surplus over to pay into the Treasury. Furthermore there are already three sets of wires on our streets, the government electric light and the two telephone companies, and I do not think a fourth set under the control of other parties should be allowed. It seems to me a legitimate work for the Government to undertake.

Noble Baldwin moved to refer the item to a select committee.

Noble Smith did not agree with the Minister of Interior with regard to the lighting of private dwellings by Government. There was a time, he admitted, when Government had taken hold of inter-island steam communication to the ultimate advantage of the public. The building of the Hotel by Government was an act of questionable wisdom. The lighting of private houses with electricity is not a public necessity nor an improvement for which the Government ought to borrow money to provide. In what way will the lighting of private houses by electricity tend to develop the resources of the country? It is a policy of questionable wisdom to incur public debt to supply a luxury to private individuals, and especially in the case when it is known that private parties are willing to take hold of the enterprise. Los Angeles, San Diego and many other cities had lighted their streets with electric lamps on poles similar to those in Honolulu, but their civic corporations would give little attention to proposals to light private houses.

Minister Ashford cited the report of the Finance Committee recommending this expansion of the electric light system. He would not resist referring the matter to a committee. Some of the extremely antiquated views of the honorable Noble Smith were worthy of being so referred. The motion to refer was adopted.

Committee rose; the House resumed and took the usual noon recess.

Afternoon.

The House met at 1 o'clock and went into Committee of the Whole, on the Appropriation bill, Noble Townsend in the chair.

Encouragement of Immigration, \$30,000. Noble Baldwin moved \$50,000. A smaller vote would cripple the industries of the country, and force the planters to employ Chinese instead of Japanese and Portuguese.

Rep. F. Brown moved to strike out the item. The country is full of people out of work. Some are obliged to go out into the bush to live. He did not believe in Government importing labor for the plantations. The item should be named "Encouragement of sugar plantations."

Noble Castle said he had been looking for two men for some time, but could not get them. He represented the Government should aid every good enterprise. In other countries the control of immigration is one of the functions of government. The trouble is not in the scarcity of labor, but that we have not control of it. When we can enact laws to compel men to engage in honest labor or get out, the question will be more than half solved.

He moved the item be deferred until the constitutional questions submitted, on Tuesday, to the Supreme Court, are answered. Carried.

Road over the Nuuanu Pali, \$45,000. Rep. F. Brown moved the item be struck out. He had promised when the bill was up two days ago, in consideration of what were deemed more urgent demands for roads in other districts, to move this be left out for the present. It is certain that we cannot get \$10 of work for \$5 cash. Additions have been inserted in the bill since it was introduced such that we must forego the improvements or borrow more money. Rep. C. Brown said he represented a district that needs this road as much as any other. If the Minister will keep the present road in repair, he will consent to wait two years for this grant, especially in view of the pressing wants of other districts that have no roads, and the large sums already voted for Oahu. Rep. F. Brown said a change seemed to have come over the mind of the Minister. Interior. It appears as if he could not hold his place except at the pleasure of the honorable gentleman from Maui. Koolau-poko had evidently fallen under the displeasure of this Ministry, in more ways than one. The district has a Government physician in Mr. Gibson's time, now it has none. Large appropriations had formerly been made for this road, although they had not been expended. Several people have been killed during the past eight years by rocks falling down the mountain. The road is dangerous with his wife and children. Accidents of this kind may happen again. If similar casualties occur again, the members who vote against this appropriation ought to be indicted for manslaughter. If any of the members who vote to strike out the item get killed there, he will have very great pleasure in attending their funerals. The hon. Noble Baldwin is willing to strike this out, but he voted for a road to the top of Haleakala. The Pali road is dangerous and before he said, pass this \$45,000. Rep. C. Brown said a wagon road could be made there for \$20,000, which sum he moved to insert. Noble Waterhouse said there is no log rolling about this. It is one of the most important items the House has to consider. He asked of Noble Baldwin if the Finance Committee had had communication with persons from the districts beyond the Pali. Noble Baldwin said they had interviewed merchants in Honolulu. Rep. Kinney said he would like to see an estimate of exactly how much money is likely to be available for all purposes of the Government. Minister Thurston said he could see that by referring to Ministerial reports. Noble Waterhouse moved this item be referred to a select committee. Noble Baldwin declined. Rep. Brown's statement that he had spoken bound the Minister of Interior. He was rather of the opinion that his communications with him had the contrary effect. The Finance Committee had found too much for roads in other places and too little in other. Oahu is well provided with roads. In other islands some roads are merely goat paths. Noble Young said the Pali road is important and ought to have been built long ago. It is easy to do things when we know where we are going to get the money. It is almost nonsense to speak of making a road better than the one there now, for \$20,000. His only objection is that there is not enough money to build it.

The item was referred to a select committee.

Rep. Kamao moved to insert, repair of wharf at Napaoo, \$200. Minister Thurston said that matter is already provided for. The motion was lost.

Minister Thurston moved to insert, Inter-island cable, \$25,000. Passed.

Section 7. The following items are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury, other than moneys which may be derived from the sources mentioned in Section 5 of this Act, which shall not be used unless by reason of some unforeseen contingency the appropriation made in Section 1 of this Act shall become exhausted.

Expenses of Supreme and Circuit Courts, \$5,000; expenses steam tugs, \$5,000; support of prisoners, \$15,000; maintenance insane, \$5,000; leper settlement, \$25,000; pay of police, \$15,000; incidentals, civil and criminal expenses, \$5,000; Coroners' inquiries, \$1,000. Passed. The remaining Sections 5 to 11 passed.

Committee of the Whole rose and the House resumed.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Select committees were appointed: On additions to the electric light system, Honolulu, \$43,000—Nobles Baldwin, Jaeger and Dole, Minister Thurston and Rep. Dowsett; on Nuuanu Pali road, \$45,000—Noble Waterhouse, Reps. F. Brown, Kalaauka, Kaui and Kinney.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Pounds, estrays, etc.—Second reading of the pounds, estrays, etc., bill. Consideration of Section 12, relating to trespassing hogs, continued from Tuesday last. Rep. Paris moved an amendment.

Minister Thurston moved the section, with this and all previous amendments, be referred to a select committee. It seems to be the knottiest question the House has struck yet. The amendment, Section 12, passed. Section 15, relating to fences, evoked a lengthy discussion, the main question being whether a fence should be four feet, four and a half feet or five feet high, which was abruptly terminated by adjournment at 4 o'clock to 10 o'clock. Saturday morning.

Distinguished Dinner Party.

Mrs. Crocker of San Francisco gave a dinner party in honor of His Majesty at the Hawaiian Hotel on Tuesday evening. The lady above named was joined at the entertainment by Mrs. Benier, Miss Eva Crocker and Mr. Gillig, visiting tourists, and Dr. McGrew, Hon. John A. Cummins, Hon. Paul Neumann, Col. George W. Macfarlane, and Mr. E. C. Macfarlane were present as fellow-guests of the King.

After dinner the party enjoyed themselves on the back veranda, draped off with Hawaiian and United States flags, being regaled with the best native music of the Hawaiian Quintet Club. Adjournment was made at 10 o'clock to the cottage next the United States Legation, where the entertainment resumed full sway. A further adjournment was on the programme, to the Hotel branch at Mr. Herbert's premises, Waikiki, where dancing was to be the concluding order of proceedings.

EAST MAUI SEMINARY.

Another Appreciative Report—Beautiful for Location and Efficient in Results.

Last week Thursday the East Maui Girls' Seminary held its annual closing exercises.

There was a large audience and all were much interested. The examination showed thorough work in arithmetic, geography, physiology, English reading, writing, analysis and composition. The singing was sweet and inspiring, the calisthenics vigorous and graceful. The recitations and dialogues were effectively rendered; the compositions showed a good command of English and growth of thought.

The location of this Seminary is probably the most attractive and healthy of any educational institution of the Hawaiian Islands. At an elevation of some two thousand feet above the sea, on the slopes of grand old Haleakala, it looks down upon the fertile plain, the curving bay of Kahului, the beautiful mountains and valleys of West Maui, with Molokai and Lanai showing dimly in the distance over the blue waters. The Hawaiians, with their accustomed descriptive and poetic felicity, have named the Seminary "Mauna Olu" (Mount of Ease or Mount of Refreshing).

The aptness of the title is seen in the fact that the students here are seldom ailing and that the teachers appear to endure their hard work better, perhaps, than those in any of our other boarding schools. The Seminary has fine grounds, good buildings, and an excellent corps of teachers. All that it needs is sufficient funds to enable it to be an increasing blessing to the nation.

The school and the Makawao community are rejoicing in the coming of Mrs. Locke of Connecticut, to take the place of Miss Potter, who during her seven years' self-denying labors in the Seminary endeared herself not only to her pupils and associates but to all who knew her.

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Death of Mrs. Austin.

News reached this office, just after Wednesday morning's paper was printed, of the death of the estimable wife of His Excellency Jonathan Austin, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The community of the whole group will sympathize with the bereaved Minister.